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At a weekly policy conference of top executives of the Ministry of Agriculture, Minister Hans Reichelt explained that East Germany was left out of the Supreme Command of the Soviet bloc forces because the KVP is still considered to be a police force rather than a national army. The KVP, he went on to say, will undoubtedly become a "people's army" in the near future. The public announcement of its creation and of the introduction of compulsory military service will soon be forthcoming. East Germany would then be admitted to the command structure of the Soviet bloc forces.

Comment: The necessity for an explanation for East Germany's exclusion from the military alliance indicates that the East German leadership is smarting from the snub administered to them in Warsaw. This legalistic rationalization is apparently inspired or approved by the Soviets.

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